PROJECT 10073 RECORD

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1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. L' TATION				
7 April 49 07/0600Z	Memphis, Tennessee				
3. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION				
Civilian	Astro (STAR/PLANET)				
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4-7					
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS				
3 houts	Observers sighted a silver-like oval object. It was very				
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	large, very brilliant, visible by reflection. It was movin clockwise, whirling, diving and climbing. It disappeared rather suddenly after being in view for a long time.				
7. COURSE					
Erratic motion					
8. PHOTOS					
T Yes					
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE					
O Yes					

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

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PERIOD

DATE 27 April 1749

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by RER from MOLLES, Eq ARC, dated 25 April 1910, to obtain detailed information from witnesses, as well as mostker and research Reproduce of sightings of unidentified nortal phononess at hempits, formasses

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DETAILS:

April 1919. In which request was made to contact particularly weather and research agencies for possible releases of balloons or reder tracking targets, at Hemphie, Termessee, on 7 April 1919.

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Objects

11 April 1949

- have been the aerial objects referred to above at the times and dates mentioned. In this respect, Air Force activities, National Guard and Naval Operations were checked.
- 5. For your further information, inclosed is a photograph sent by Associated Press to the Memphis newspaper pertaining to an alleged "flying disc" fragment found in western Colorado. No further information pertaining to this available in this vicinity.
- 6. In respect to the information contained in the first four paragraphs, no confirmation has been received or apparently can be obtained or factual basis for reasonable explanation available.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

1 Incl. Photograph WILLIAM O. POINTER Captain, USAF Adjutant

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11 April 1949

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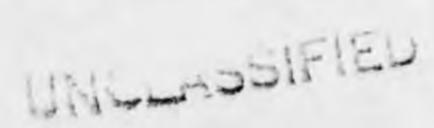
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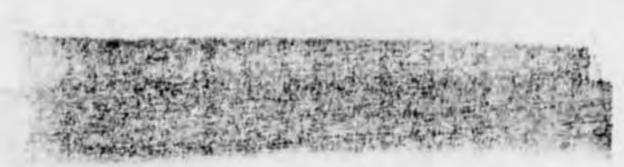
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Commanding General Lith Air Force Orlando, Florida

Allus Director of Intelligence

- L. The Press-Schmitar of 3 April 1949, published in Temphis, contained a story concerning unidentified serial objects seen by residents of this city.
- 2. This office interviewed Mr. Tally, reporter for the Prose-Scimiter who covered the story, to see what additional information could be obtained. He had no additional information and was of the opinion himself that the reports by the residents of this city were without factual basis.
- 3. The paramementioned in the story were themselves interviewed concerning the invident. Mrs. stated she had seem these unidentified acrial objects in the west at anproximately 2600 hours between the oth and 7th of April. They seemed to be about one-quarter the size of the moon and resembled silver-like stars; coveral were seen at the same time. From her description the motions of the objects resembled either Loops or alternate sooming and diving. Allegedly one went over her house at an undebermined altitude. She stated that the actions seemed to be controlled and in her words went so far then howered and then changed directions", She stated that they seemed to move out of the path of planes. These objects were again allegedly seen at approximately 0100, 0200 and 0330 hours on 7 April 1949. Mr. and are I. stated hat bey llegedly have seen same also at the times and dates apecified above. a dress of the latter family is 2009 Union Avenue, Lembis, Tempessee.





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- 1. Date of Observation April 1919 Date of Interview 19 197 1019
- 2. Exact Time (local) olco-dico
- 3. Place of Observation Memphis, Tennessee
- 4. Position of observer Ground First through window, then outdoors
- 5. What attracted attention to object
- 6. Number of objects 1-7
- 7. Apparent size 1/4 size of moon
- 8. Color of object Silver like
- 9. Shape Oval

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- 10. Altitude 45° above horizon
- 11. Direction from observer First and last maen at 2250
- 12. Distance from observer 2 Mics
- 13. Direction of flight of object(s)
- 14. Time in sight 3 hrs
- 15. Speed 50-75 mph
- 16. Sound and odor
- 17. Trail
- 18. Luminosity Very brilliant, visible by reflection
- 19. Projections
- 20. Maneuvers Clockwise, whirling, diving and climbing
- 21. Manner of disappearance suddenly
- 22. Effect on Clouds
- 23, Additional information concerning object at approach of a/c, objects moved out of flight path
- 24. Weather Conditions
 Clear, visibility 15 miles 12-19 mile changing wind
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Name and address of observer:

Graham Apts., ., Memphis, Tenn.

Incident

Occupation and hobbies:

Housewife and Registered Murse

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Appears highly exotional (See full details in original report)

MARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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Incident 333A

Name and address of observer:

Mr & Mrs. M. 11)
Les Memphis, Tennessee

Occupation and hobbies:

Might Manager of Andy's Grill

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Appears conscientious, truthful and cooperative.

MARRATIVE SUMMARY:

INCIDENT	NO.	293A
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- 1. Date of Observation 7 April 1919 Date of Interview 16 May 1949
- 2. Exact Time (local) 0200 0400
- 3. Place of Observation Memphis Tennessee 350 8' North, 890 52' West
- 4. Position of observer Ground thru windown then outdoors
- 5. What attracted attention to object 11133 hall
- 6. Number of objects 6-9
- 7. Apparent size Size of gallon jug
- 8. Color of object Yellowish white
- 9. Shape oval
- 10. Altitude 45° above horizon
- 11. Direction from observer First seen 225° Last seen 135°
- 12. Distance from observer 1 2 miles
- 13. Direction of flight of object(s) 5-10 miles per hour
- 14. Time in sight 2 hrs
- 15. Speed 5-10 mph
- 16. Sound and odor Mone Moted
- 17. Trail Mone Moted
- 18. Luminosity Medium Brilliance, Visable by reflection
- 19. Projections Hone Noted
- 20. Maneuvers Erradic, diving climbing, whirling
- 21. Manner of disappearance
- 22. Effect on Clouds
- 23. Additional information concerning object Chjects appeared to a void paths of aircraft in area and flaw overhead at intervals
- 24. Weather Conditions Clear sky, no moon.

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	Incident, Memphis, Tonnesses 7 April 1949	OFFICE OF ORIGIN	t-Patterson AFB	
		STATUS		
CHARACTER	SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE	Initial Report fr DO#5, Wright-	Patterson AFB, file 5	D 34-21G, 8td 29 Apr	
SYNOPSIS				

Interviews were conducted with two persons who said they observed unidentified aerial phenomena between 0001 and 0400 hours on 7 April 1349 at Mamphia. Tennessee. One person, who was quoted by a local newspaper as an observer of this phenomena, could not be located for interview. The investigation further revealed that no astronomical tragularities were observed by the Government Teather Bureau, nor were any unusual aerial operations conducted or observed by the Naval Air Station, Millington. Tennessee.

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SUBJECT: Report of Information on "Flying Disc"

TO:

Commanding General Air Materiel Command Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio ATTN: MCI

The following TWK from Commandant Sixth Naval District Charleston, SC is quoted for your information and in compliance with Letter, subj: "Reporting of Information on Flying Discs", Hq USAF, 6 February 1948:

of four Nov one wine four eight NOTAA press reports of eight April from Memohis, Tenn area indicate eighting of evular laminous objects in western sky by several observers between zero zero three zero and zero two zero zero on seven April one nine four nine pd Objects were reported to be silvery about size of gallon jars whirling constantly and moving up and down at high altitude of Local meteorologist states phenomena unexplainable discounting them as meteors or weather ballons pd Titnesses include Them as meteors or weather

Memphis... ENDs

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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F. E. LANKSTON Major, USAF Adjutant General

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HQ FOURTHENTH AIR FORCE, OAFB, Orlando, Florida

To: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. ATTENTION: TSDIN

Forwarded for your information and action deemed necessary.
FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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PROJECT ORUBOE, 24-33

Distance from Observert

Direction of Flights

Time in Sight:

Velocity:

Sound and Odor:

Trails

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Projections:

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Danner of Disappearance:

Effect on Clouds:

Geather Conditions;

Additional Information:

Estimated at one to two miles.

Erratic; diving, climbing, whirling.

0200 to 0400 hours, 7 April 1949.

Five to ten miles per hour.

None noted.

Hone noted.

Medium brilliance visible by

Mone noted.

Climbing and diving while whirling.

Bas not doserved.

Mone noted.

Clear sky, no noon.

Objects appeared to avoid flight path of three or four airplanes which flew overhead at intervals during the time of observance.

Observer was not wearing glasses of any kind.

Oraham Apartments, 1042 Madison Avenue phis, Tennesses, to be a highly emotional person. A check of the Police Department, Memphis, Tennesses, was made concerning with negative results. The supplied the following information:

Date of Observation:

Place of Observation:

7 April 1949, 0001 to 0400 hours.

35 Deg. 3' N: 89 Deg. 59' N.



PROJECT GRUDGE, 24-35

DETAILS:

AT MEMPHIS. TENNESSIE:

1. On 15 May 1949, a review of the files at the Hemphis Press-Scinitar and the Memphis Commercial Appeal disclosed articles which were published on 8 April 1949 concerning the appearance of strange aerial objects during the early hours of 7 April 1949. These articles named Mrs. (Miss Miss Miss Mrs. and Mrs. (E has I stidiff; , same menoped of to erevreedo es a

2. On 15 May 1949, an interview was conducted with Mrs. 45 East Cage Avenue (formerly of 2009 Union Avenue), Memphis, Connesses. Is employed as Night Hanager at does not drink, and she appears to be conscientious, truthful, and comparative. Local police sheek was negative. Collawing information:

7 April 1949, 0200 to 0400 hours Date of Observation:

2009 Union Ave., Memphis, Tens. Place of Chaerreside:

35 Deg. 8' N: 39 Deg. 59' N.

First Tiewed through window of Position of Observer:

ground-floor apartment then from

outdoors in back yard.

Meighbor, Miss ines Astracted Astention:

8 to 9, scattered and whirling. Humber of Objectes

Appeared to be the size of a gallon apparent size:

Jug.

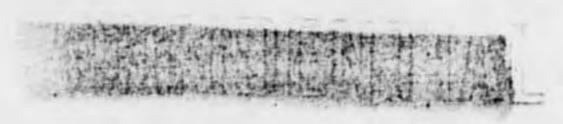
Yellowish-white. Color of Objects:

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45 degrees above horizon. lituder

Tiret teen at 325 desress; last seen irention from Observer:

at dan degrees,



4. On 16 and 13 May 1949, all attempts to locate Mrs.

We, Memphis, Tennessee, not with regative results. The address given is non-existent. Mrs.

stated that she has lived in that neighborhood for over forty years, and she did not know Meither for Commander the city and telephone directories failed to disclose any information concerning. On 19 May 1949, Mr.

L. Postal Clerk, U. 3. Post Office, Memphis, Tennessee, reviewed the official records of his office which failed to disclose present or former address. On 19 May 1949, Mrs.

L. Memphis, Tennessee, reviewed the attendance records which failed to disclose any information concerning.

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The neighborhood in which the and there is a frequent turn-over of tenants.

Appeal Newspaper, Memphis, Tennessee, stated that on 7 April 1949, he received a telechone call from a person who identified herself as Mrs.

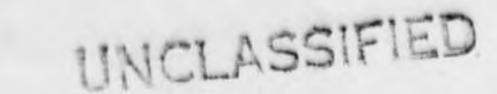
She said that she had observed balls of light in the sky during the early hours of 7 April 1949. Stated that no reporter had been detailed to interview (or and the said that the article which appeared in the newspaper on 8 April was written on the basis of information received over the telephone. Mr.

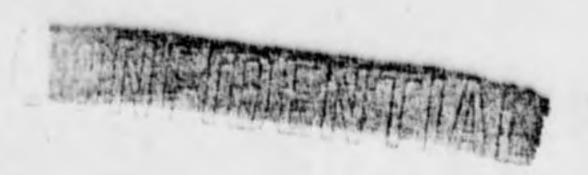
City Editor, Commercial Appeal, verified statements.

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- occasions seeking or offering information on various, unnewsworthy subjects. He considers her to be a minor muisance. Said that it was entirely possible that that had made the telephone call attributed to
- 6. On 17 May 1949, Mr. Chief Forecaster, U./S. Department of Commerce Weather Bureau, Memphis, Tennessee, stated that weather balloons were sent aloft at 2100 hours on 5 April 1949 and at 0300 hours on 7 April 1949. He said the balloons contained a two-volt light, that they rose at the rate of 500 feet per minute, and that the light would be visible for 10 or 15 minutes. Furnished the following weather information for pril 1949:
 - 0001: Clear; Fisibility 15 miles; Wind 55% at 15 mph.
 - 0100: Clear; visibility 15 miles; wind 5W at 19 mph.







PROJECT GRUDGE, 24-33

Position of Observert

First viewed through open window and then from outdoors in back yard of apartment house.

that attracted Attention:

Accidental observation.

Number of Objects:

4 to 7, whirling, diving, and climbing.

Apparent Size:

About the size of a gallon jug.

Color of Objects:

Silver.

Shape of Objects:

oval.

Altitude:

ab degrees above horizon.

Direction from Observer:

First and last seen at 225 degrees.

Distance from Observer:

About two miles.

Direction of Flight:

Clockwise whirling movement, climbing

und diving.

Time in Sight:

0001 to 0400 hours, 7 April 1949.

Velocity:

30 to 75 miles per hours.

Sound and Quor:

None nosad.

Trail:

Hone noted.

Luminosi ty:

Very brilliant, visible by reflection.

Projections:

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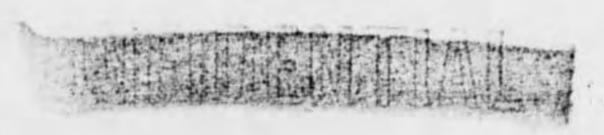
Disappeared suddenly at 0400 hours.

Weather Conditions:

Clear sky; no moon; no rain.

Additional Information:

At approach of aircraft, objects would nove out of flight path. Observer viewed objects through sye glasses.



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3 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE

Incident, Momphia, Tennessee SPECIAL INQUIRY

Commanding General

Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
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- 1. Reference is made to report of investigation by Special Agent JOHN B. MORRILL, subject and file as above, dated 29 April 1949.
- 2. Inclosed for your information and any action deemed necessary is report of investigation by Special Agent WILLIAM T. HECKART, SR., Sth OSI District, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabema.
- J. With the submission of this report, the files of this office are being closed in instant investigation.

R/I dtd 20 May 19 (in Dup) THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR Captain, USAF Acting District Commenter

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0400: Clear; visibility 12 miles; wind NNW at 12 mph.

O500: Clear; Visibility 10 miles; Wind W at 8 mph.

CARNEY stated that no unusual astronomical phenomena had been observed or reported by any of his subordinates during the above period.

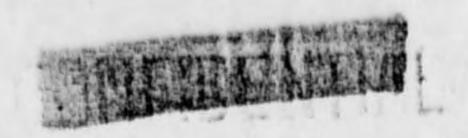
7. On 17 May 1949, Mr. Senior Aircraft Controller, Civil Aeronautics Administration, dirways Communication Station, Municipal Airport, Memphis, Tennessee, stated that his daily log for 7 April 1949 disclosed no report of serial phenomena during the hours of OCCI to 0500.

AT MILLINGTON, TENNESSEE:

8. On 18 May 1949, Lt. Comdr. T. S. GAT, USN, 129670, Operations Officer, Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee, reviewed the official records of his office which disclosed that no ground radar units were in operation during the hours 0001 and 0400, 7 April 1949. He stated that there were no unusual operations during this period and none had been

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